KYVL in Your Classroom

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KYVL Structure

Our History: The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) is part of the Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU), a unit of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE). The Kentucky Virtual University was created with the passage of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 (known as House Bill 1).

KYVL, launched in 1999, is the hub of a consortium of libraries throughout the state of Kentucky.

Our Mission: All Kentuckians will have equitable access to quality library and information resources and qualified, well-trained staff to support the Kentucky Virtual University as well as meet broader needs for learning, working and living.

By encouraging collaboration between libraries and partners in education and using current and emerging technology, KYVL aims to provide all Kentuckians access to a core collection of digital information resources.

Our Ultimate Goal: We support Vision 2020 and envision educated citizens who want advanced knowledge and skills and know how to acquire them; and who are good parents, good citizens, and economically self-sufficient workers.

Our Staff:
Enid Wohlstein, Director
Vacant, Senior Reference Librarian
Marcy Parker, Executive Secretary [shared]

CPE President: Thomas Layzell

KYVU Interim CEO: Norma Northern

KYVL - What We Do

We coordinate and/or fund:

- Access to a core set of over 40 electronic article and citation databases, including over 7,000+ full text journals, which are accessible to all registered students and public library patrons, as well as to the users of KYVL's various member communities *[see Database Descriptions handout]*
  - Database contracts are partially funded by our members
- Support and coordinate the Endeavor Consortium for Kentucky by funding and facilitating the multi-hub Endeavor Voyager library management system. Fourteen academic and special libraries currently participate.
- Ground courier delivery service to provide delivery of Interlibrary Loan requests between participating libraries within Kentucky to promote resource sharing and delivery of information resources.
  - A prescribed number of days are provided at no fee to the public libraries and state-assisted academic libraries as well as KCTCS
- Kentuckiana Digital Library, a project with the mission of creating a permanently available digital collection of Kentucky-oriented historic materials. *[See Kentuckiana handout]*
- Single search interface and access point to approximately 30 Kentucky library catalogs (academic, public, special)
- "How to Do Research" tutorials, in versions for both children and adults (information literacy)
- Access to a collection of current, authoritative web resources
- And much more… *[See KYVL Fact Sheet & About KYVL handouts]*

About KYVL

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) is the hub of a consortium of libraries throughout the state of Kentucky. The KYVL is also a reference and research website providing equitable access to quality library and information resources. It was created with the passage of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 and went online in 1999. The Kentucky Virtual Library is part of the Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU), a unit of the Council on Postsecondary Education. By encouraging collaboration between libraries and partners in education and using current and emerging technology, KYVL aims to provide all Kentuckians access to a core collection of digital information resources.

One important component is to provide support to libraries serving distance learners via KYVL's offerings – to deliver information regardless of the student's location, supporting both KYVU and Kentucky's broader needs for learning, working and living.

Specific goals of KYVL are:

- To work collaboratively to effectively manage the programs and services of a Virtual Library.
- To enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of resource sharing among Kentucky libraries by utilizing current and emerging technologies.
- To increase access to available electronic resources through cooperative statewide agreements.
- To provide a core collection of digital information resources at lower per unit cost to enhance teaching, learning, research and public services.
- To prepare students, faculty and staff of Kentucky's educational institutions and the citizens of the Commonwealth to be full participants in today's information-based global economy and in the life-long learning process by providing services to develop information literacy.

The Kentucky Virtual Library offers licensed electronic databases of citations, abstracts and full text journal articles. Since November of 1999, the KYVL has provided access to a core set of over 40 electronic article and citation databases, including over 7000 full text journals, to users of Kentucky libraries. The resources are accessible by any of Kentucky's approximately 4 million citizens through a variety of access points: public libraries, public and private postsecondary institutions, public K-12 schools and other member library locations.

In addition, the Kentucky Virtual Library, to further support resource sharing and delivery of information resources, the KYVL contracts for and coordinates a ground courier delivery service to provide delivery of Interlibrary Loan requests between participating libraries within Kentucky.

The KYVL also supports and coordinates the Endeavor Consortium for Kentucky by funding and facilitating the multi-hub Endeavor Voyager library management system. The fourteen participating academic and special libraries share Voyager, which is housed on two hub sites. Through the participation in the consortium, member libraries achieve the benefits of the best possible services at a lower cost than if implementing or maintaining a library management system independently.

KYVL also provides financial support for the Kentuckiana Digital Library, a project with the mission of creating a permanently available digital collection of Kentucky-oriented historic materials.

The Kentucky Virtual Library provides many free resources such as the "How to Do Research" tutorial for adults, the specially designed "KYVL for Kids" site (on which children can learn how to find and use information by following Spacedog), access to a number of Kentucky library catalogs, annotated subject-specific website lists, and many other tools.

The Kentucky Virtual Library serves diverse user communities of all ages. Our partners and members are the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, the Kentucky Department of Education (the K-12 public schools), the public and private academic institutions in Kentucky, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Adult Education, Kentucky's public libraries, and some non-public school systems.

KYVL members include 1,271 public K-12 schools, 118 public libraries, 8 state-assisted and 19 private academic and 11 special academic institution libraries, and more than 20 special and independent K-12 schools and libraries.

For more information, visit www.kyvl.org or call toll-free at 1-877-588-5288.

KYVL Partners and Stakeholders

- Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

- Kentucky Department of Education (the K-12 public schools)

- Public Academic Institutions (Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky with Lexington Community College, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University)

- Independent Academic Institutions (Alice Lloyd College, Asbury College, Bellarmine College, Berea College, Brescia University, Campbellsville University, Centre College, Cumberland College, Georgetown College, Kentucky Christian College, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lindsey Wilson, Midway College, Pikeville College, Spalding University, St. Catharine College, Thomas More College, Transylvania University, and Union College)

- Kentucky Community and Technical College System

- Kentucky Adult Education

- Kentucky's Public Libraries

- Some special libraries, special academic institutions and independent schools/systems

- Kentucky citizens, residents, learners, educators – everyone in Kentucky!

How To Link To KYVL

In order for the KYVL project to continue to flourish, it is very important for Kentuckians to know that KYVL is available to them and that the databases they are using are a part of the KYVL project. We recommend that you provide a link to the KYVL from your main library page. If you are providing direct links from your library page into a specific database through the native interface, we ask that you put a KYVL logo next to that link.

To download the images below from a PC, put your cursor over the image, click the far right button on your mouse, click on "save image as..." and save it to your local directory. For most images we have created a white background image and a transparent image which is useful if you have pages with color backgrounds. Please call us if you have any problems or questions.

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The small KYVL logo with the white background is the best choice for a desktop icon.

Representing KYVL On Your Website

When you add a KYVL link to your library's website, we recommend the following:

- make the logo a hyperlink to the KYVL site

- include the URL (web address) for the KYVL site

- add a short paragraph to describe KYVL resources

- tell your patrons how to acquire a KYVL user id and password

For example:

http://www.kyvl.org

KYVL provides access to research and reference resources such as electronic article and citation databases, subject-specific annotated web links, Kentucky library catalogs, historical Kentucky materials, How to Do Research tutorials and much more.

Contact the Reference desk for your id and password to use KYVL at home.

Other Ways to Describe KYVL on Your Website

- The Kentucky Virtual Library provides many free resources such as the "How to Do Research" tutorial for adults, the specially designed "KYVL for Kids" site, links to web-based statistical information about Kentucky from local, state, federal and non-governmental sources, Kentucky library catalogs and much more.

- KYVL provides access to over 40 article and citation databases containing over 7,000 full text journals, historic materials from Kentucky, library catalogs, and links to many subject-specific websites.

- KYVL is a research and reference website providing access to over 40 electronic article and citations databases containing over 7,000 full text journals, historical materials from many Kentucky libraries, and links to valuable web information resources.

Feel free to take portions of these descriptions and create your own or contact KYVL for suggestions. The important thing is to be accurate in your description.

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Learning Communities --

Adult Education & Literacy

K12 Schools

Kids

KYVU Students

KYVU Faculty

From the main KYVL page, select the **K12 Schools** link to reach the pages designed for K12 students and educators.

Elementary School Students

Middle School Students

High School Students

Teachers

Select the area you need…

In the Teachers area, the pages are designed to help Kentucky's K-12 educators locate and evaluate quality web information resources for use with students in the classroom and to help identify resources and opportunities for professional development.

Resources are organized based on the 7 core content subjects as established by the Kentucky Department of Education plus sections for English as a Second Language, General/Reference and Professional Development resources.

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KYVL for Teachers

Databases:
- EBSCO
- FirstSearch
- Novelist
- Wilson
- Grolier
- ProQuest
- Access from home

Websites:
- **Arts & Humanities**
- **Mathematics**
- **Practical Living/ Vocational Studies**
- **Reading**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**
- **Writing**

English as a Second Language
General & Reference
Professional Development

Return to Teachers' Main Page

Welcome to KYVL for Teachers

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For more information about this project read the White Paper.

Check out the KYVL for Kids information literacy tutorial and portal to research databases. Built with 1st through 5th graders in mind, the KYVL for Kids portal to "All the Information in the Known Universe" includes a fun and exciting tutorial in which Space Dog helps kids become good researchers. The portal also includes links to databases of magazine articles and encyclopedias geared toward K-12 students.

A wealth of useful materials is also available to you through the Grolier databases. The Encyclopedia Americana contains a Teacher's Guide in Americana Journal that provides lesson plans based on worldwide current events.Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia's Brain Jam is a monthly magazine that will help teachers integrate the database into lesson plan preparation. Monthly features focus on timely subjects with articles in the encyclopedia as a starting point. Each feature has a multiple-choice quiz, a list of recommended Web links for further exploration of the subject, and a Teacher's Resources section. Brain Jam articles suggests discussion questions, essay topics, and activities designed to enliven study of the subject in question. The Teachers' Guide in New Book of Knowledge NBK News is your classroom resource for current events. Use the Teachers' Guide to learn how the site relates to the school curriculum and help students get the most from this site. The site includes reading comprehension based questions, discussion questions, and a quiz related to each NBK News article.

If you are a Kentucky educator and would like to participate in this project as a contributor, contact one of the people listed below for more information.

Subject Contributors

- Diane Culbertson, Danville Public Schools
- Barby Hardy, Fayette County Public Schools
- Jane Smith, Fayette County Public Schools
- Cathy Watson-Pittman, Jefferson County Public Schools
- Paula Whitmer, Fayette County Public Schools

Suggest a Website!

The **KYVL for Teachers** provides a collection of links to authoritative, reliable Web sites produced by educational institutions, non-profit agencies, commercial enterprises, and local, state, and federal government agencies. You can find appropriate Web sites for your research by using the blue bar on the left of the screen to navigate the included sites by subject.

Don't forget! These sites were suggested by K12 educators and evaluated by K12 educators.

Databases:
- EBSCO
- FirstSearch
- Novelist
- Wilson
- Grolier
- ProQuest
- Access from home

Websites:
- Arts & Humanities
- Mathematics
- Practical Living/ Vocational Studies
- Reading
- Science
- Social Studies
- Writing

- English as a Second Language
- General & Reference
- Professional Development

Return to Teachers' Main Page

Use your mouse to navigate the selections available for the Teachers area.

First on the list are links to the KYVL databases, listed either by provider or database name.

Under Websites, clicking on a subheading takes you to a list of Web sites representing some of the best information available on the Web concerning this subject.

As you navigate the **KYVL for Teachers** area, this blue navigation menu will always appear and allow you to jump to a new subject or into a database.

Always the last item on the navigation bar, a link to return you to the main **KYVL for Teachers** page.

If you know of a site that you think should be included in the **KYVL for Teachers**, you can suggest a website. Go the main **KYVL for Teachers** page and select Suggest a Website link at the bottom of the page. You can also contact the subject contributors directly.

TURN THE PAGE TO READ ABOUT KENTUCKY STATISTICAL RESOURCES ONLINE…

KY Stats on KYVL

Don't forget the KY Stats area of KYVL…

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Kentucky Stats

Agriculture
Arts & Humanities
Business & Economy ▸
Education
Environment ▸
General ▸
Health & Nutrition
Housing & Construction
Justice ▸
People ▸
Sciences
Social and Human Services ▸
State & Local Government ▸
Return to Kentucky Stats main page

Education

Contributor -- Barbara Whitener, University of Louisville

Adjusted State and Local Education Expenditures per Individual 5 to 44 Years Old, 1999
    This chart contains information about state and local education expenditures for individuals from ages 5 to 44.
Adult Education and Literacy in Kentucky
    Published by the Legislative Research Commission, this report analyzes and gives statistics on education, literacy, teachers, and job training.
Adult Literacy in Kentucky
    This site includes statistics on adult literacy in Kentucky by state, county, and income.
Annual Percentage of Kentucky School Students Who Drop Out
    This graph shows dropout figures for Kentucky.
Data About Kentucky Colleges and Universities
    This site includes statistics on Kentucky higher education.
Education and the Common Good: Social Benefits of Higher Education in Kentucky
    This is a cost-benefit analysis of some of the social benefits Kentucky realizes from an educated populace.
Educational Attainment by Age and Sex
    Educational attainment by age and sex. The figures are for High School Graduate or More and Bachelor's Degree or More. Information is from the Kentucky Deskbook of Economic Statistics.
Educational Attainment of Kentucky Counties
    Educational attainment by county for 1990 and 2000. The figures are for High School Graduate or Higher and Bachelors Degree or Higher. Information is from the Kentucky Deskbook of Economic Statistics.

Choose **KY Stats** on the main KYVL page [www.kyvl.org].

These pages provide a collection of links to web-based sources of statistical information about Kentucky from local, state, federal and non-governmental sources.

Sources are organized under broad subject headings based on the chapter headings from the Statistical Abstract of the U.S.

The resources are contributed and/or evaluated by subject matter experts who are also Kentucky librarians. If your students need to research Kentucky Statistics, this should be one of the first places to look for data.

On the main KYVL page at http://www.kyvl.org, select the How to Do Research link.

To begin the tutorial, select the first block: Doing Research.

Each step of the tutorial can be navigated with front and back arrows at the bottom of the page.

Sitemap

Doing RESEARCH

- Information Sources
- Selecting the Best: don't settle for less!
- Developing a research strategy
- Subject and keyword searching
- Narrowing your search
- Expanding your search
- The whys & hows of search syntax
- Search syntax for life!
- Glossary

Finding BOOKS

- Why books
- How to find books!
- How to cite books.

Finding ARTICLES

- Why articles?
- How to find articles!
- How to cite articles.

Searching the WEB

- Why the web?
- How to search the Web!
- Search TOOLS
- How to cite Web sources.

Evaluating INFORMATION

- Why evaluate information sources?
- What are the criteria?
  - o Authority
  - o Objectivity
  - o Reliability
  - o Timeliness
  - o Coverage

Citing SOURCES

- Why cite information sources?
- What needs to be cited?
- In-text citations
- How to cite
- Plagiarism: what is it?
- Style manuals
- Copyright & fair use
- Quick references

To view the index of the tutorial, select Site Map.

Links go directly to a section to address a specific question, such as "How to cite Web sources."

How to Do Research

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Information Sources

When you need information, where do you go? Your choice of an information source will influence the kind of information you retrieve. **Consider the specific attributes of information sources before you make your choice!**

Information Source	Primary Attribute	Advantage	Disadvantage
Book (*non-fiction*)	Comprehensive	Substantive	Information may be out of date, depending on the date of the book's publication.
Magazine	Popular	Focused	Because of a limited amount of space, coverage is limited to only most current information.
Journal	Scholarly	Authoritative	Because of a limited amount of space, coverage is limited to only most current information.
Newspaper	Current	Broad in scope	Non-substantive
World Wide Web (Internet}	Accessible	Broad in scope	Unreliable

An excerpt from the tutorial - an introduction to information sources.

How to Do Research

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Why Evaluate Information Sources?

Not all "information" is valid, objective, reliable, timely or comprehensive. If any or all of these attributes are important to you, then you need to evaluate your information sources. Not all "information" is equal...

- What is the *purpose* and *context* of the information that you have found?
- Is the purpose to inform or to persuade?
- Is the information source reliable (e.g. a scholarly journal published by a university press) or an unidentified Web page?
- Can the author be identified?
- What is the author's expertise, credentials or institutional affiliation?
- Is the information source current or out-of-date for your information need?
- Is the information extensive or marginal?
- Is it supported by evidence?
- Can it be substantiated by other information sources

Be a critical consumer of the information you find! Just because it has been published in one format or another does not validate it. **Only you can assess its value!!**

Another excerpt from the tutorial prompting the learner to think critically about the validity and reliability of resources to be used in a project.

Learners can refer to this tutorial at any time during a research project. Consider integrating the tutorial into your class activities or syllabus as a ready-to-go module on information literacy.

Virtual Reference Desk

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Tollfree 877.588.5288 or
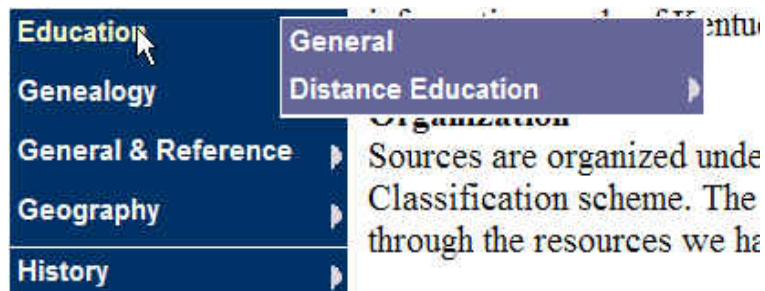Email kyvl@ky.gov

http://www.kyvl.org

Virtual Reference Desk
Browse selected websites
Get help with your research

Clicking on this link from the KYVL home page will take you to the Virtual Reference Desk.

Agriculture
Anthropology
Archeology
Arts & Humanities
Business & Economics
Education
Genealogy
General & Reference
Geography
History
Medicine
Political Science & Law
Psychology

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Education
Genealogy
General & Reference
Geography
History

General
Distance Education

Sources are organized unde
Classification scheme. The
through the resources we ha

By using the mouse to place the arrow over a subject heading, a box listing subheadings will appear.

Clicking on a subheading takes you to a list of Web sites representing some of the best information available on the Web concerning this subheading:

The menu/screenshot shows:

Education	General
Genealogy	Distance Education
General & Reference ▶	
Geography ▶	General
History ▶	Library Science
Medicine ▶	Student Resources
Political Science & Law ▶	
Psychology	
Religion & Philosophy ▶	
Science ▶	
Social Science ▶	
Technology ▶	
Kentucky Stats	
About the Virtual Reference Desk	

AIKCU (Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities)
...ormation about Kentucky's private and independent colleges and
... and financial aid opportunities.

Almanac of the C...
You can se... ...lucation statistics. The site contains such things as,
SAT and ACT data, and information about financial aid, faculty salaries, revenues and gifts,
trends in faculty employment, and more.

Appalachian Rural Education Network
The Appalachian Rural Education Network is composed of schools and regional
professional partners in eastern Kentucky and southwest Virginia. It works to make schools
relevant to their communities and to provide young people with a quality education that
emphasizes place and community.

AskERIC Virtual Library
"The AskERIC Virtual Library contains selected educational resources, most of which are
developed and/or maintained by AskERIC." This site is geared toward helping educators.
Browse through the lesson plans or check out the special projects.

Awesome Library
"Awesome Library organizes the Web with 14,000 carefully reviewed resources, including
the top 5 percent in education." This site uses a common subject classification to collect
websites geared toward different audiences. Be sure to choose your audience in the bar along
the top of the page.

Clicking on a link from a list of Web sites takes you to a site outside of the Kentucky Virtual Library.

The Virtual Reference Desk also provides links to other information and services. Among these are research assistance, writing help, career information, and information on copyright and intellectual property.

Virtual Reference Desk: How does the Kentucky Virtual Library choose the Web sites that are included in the Virtual Reference Desk?

How we select an External Website

The blue sidebar contains a link to information on how we select the Web sites included in the Virtual Reference Desk.

A Web site will be added to the Virtual Reference Desk if:

It has been used to answer a question received at the KYVL help desk more than once
OR
It supports research on the Commonwealth of Kentucky
OR
It supports the information needs of the people of Kentucky
AND
It is evaluated as a quality Web site.

The Web sites that are included in the Virtual Reference Desk are evaluated by Kentucky librarians who volunteer to evaluate sites for a specific subject area. To see the list of volunteers, go to http://www.kyvl.org/html/ref/refabout.shtml.

Recommend a Website

If you know of a site that you think should be included in the Virtual Reference Desk, you can use another link in the blue sidebar to access a form where you can submit the site for consideration. You can also contact the subject contributors directly.